

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed June 4, 2004. Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 2 – 9 and 19 - 20 remain pending. In particular, Applicants have amended claims 6 – 9 and 19. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicates that claims 3 - 5 stand rejected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As set forth in detail below, Applicants have rendered moot the rejections lodged against the indicated base claims. Therefore, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 3 – 5 are in condition for allowance.

Provisional Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

The Office Action indicates that claims 2 and 20 stand rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,680,739. As set forth herein, Applicants have provided a Terminal Disclaimer that is timely filed in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c). Therefore, Applicants respectfully assert that the double patenting rejection has been rendered moot.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Office Action indicates that claims 6 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. As set forth above, Applicants have amended the claims and respectfully assert that the rejections have been accommodated, and that these claims are in condition for allowance.

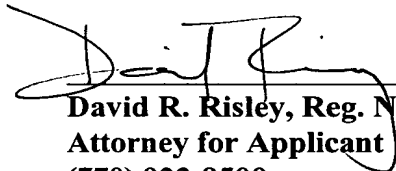
Cited Art Made of Record

The cited art made of record has been considered, but is not believed to affect the patentability of the presently pending claims.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims 2 – 9 and 19 - 20 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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